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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Tuesday, 15 April 1986

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1/ For documentation on this item see the explanatory notes to the Provisional Agenda.

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	(c) The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the International Conference on Population (Commission decision G (40))	E/ECE/1119
	(d) Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE (Commission decision H (40))	E/ECE/1120
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	(f) The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Commission decision J (40))	E/ECE/1122
	(g) Engineering industries and automation (Commission decision K (40))	E/ECE/1123
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	(i) Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment (Commission decision M (40))	E/ECE/1125
	(j) An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (Commission decision N (40))	E/ECE/1126
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10.	Programme of work for 1986-1990	E/ECE/1129 and Add.1
11.	Other business	
12.	Annual Report of the Commission	

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE AGENDA

General

1. Taking into account the indications given at the fortieth session of the Commission (E/1985/34, paragraph 404) and the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council, the period from Tuesday, 15, to Saturday, 26 April has been reserved for the forty-first session of the Commission. It may be possible, however, to end the session before the date indicated above (see also paragraph 3 below).

2. In accordance with Rule 3 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the basic documents referred to in the Provisional Agenda will, wherever possible, be transmitted to Governments "not less than forty-two days before the opening of the session", i.e. not later than 4 March 1986.

3. The Order of Business for the forty-first session of the Commission is annexed hereto. It has been drawn up by the Executive Secretary in accordance with established practice and pursuant to the relevant decisions of the Commission. The necessary practical arrangements have been made for the setting up by the Commission of the Sessional Committee (operative paragraph 9 of Commission resolution 5 (XXIV)).

4. As is customary, the Executive Secretary will deliver an opening statement.

5. The Executive Secretary intends to make the necessary arrangements for an advance distribution of any draft resolutions or decisions which might be submitted to the secretariat by their sponsors prior to the session. The texts of draft resolutions submitted during the session should be communicated to the Executive Secretary at least 24 hours before the item comes up for discussion in order to enable him to examine their financial and other implications and to report thereon, as is his duty, to the Commission before the resolution is adopted.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

According to Rule 7 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, "the first item upon the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda". According to Rule 8, "the Commission may amend the agenda at any time".

Item 2: Election of Officers

According to Rule 13 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, "the Commission shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect from among its representatives a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election". At its fortieth session the Commission elected Mr. Athanasios Petropoulos (Greece) Chairman and Mr. Stefan Murin (Czechoslovakia) Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission is also expected to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sessional Committee. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee set up by the fortieth session of the Commission was Mr. István Náthon (Hungary) and its Vice-Chairman was Mr. Alexander D. Bryce (Canada).

Item 3: Review of the economic situation in Europe

Under this item the Commission is expected to consider and discuss the economic situation in Europe. In order to enable the Commission to concentrate on key problems of economic policy and of international co-operation, it is suggested that delegates, in their statements under this item, devote particular attention to major economic problems faced by their Governments and to the international aspects thereof.

In order to facilitate discussion of this item, the secretariat will prepare and transmit its Economic Survey of Europe in 1985 (ECE(41)/1) as well as Volume 37 of the Economic Bulletin for Europe. The Survey will contain the regular current review of economic developments in Europe in 1985.

In their statements under this item delegates may wish to avoid, as far as possible, giving detailed information on developments in their individual countries. It is hoped that delegations will give such information in writing, and those wishing to do so are invited to transmit their statements to the secretariat as early as possible (preferably in about 50 copies) so that these may be distributed to the participants at the session.

Item 4: Work of the Commission as a whole

This item, as is customary, provides an opportunity for general statements by delegations on the work of the Commission as a whole.

(a) The Commission's activities and implementation of priorities in 1985

For the consideration of this subitem the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's report prepared pursuant to Commission resolution 2 (XXV) on the Commission's activities and implementation of priorities in 1985 (E/ECE/1110), namely science and technology, trade, environment and long-term economic projections.

(b) Resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly

The Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1111 will contain appropriate references to relevant resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly during the period since the close of the fortieth session of the Commission, which call for action by the Commission or otherwise have a bearing on its work.

(c) Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed to assist developing countries

For the consideration of this subitem the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1112 in which an account is given of the progress made in the work of the Commission and its secretariat in the past year in respect of co-operation with the other regional commissions on matters of common interest, work bearing upon technical co-operation and other related activities.

(d) Co-operation with other international organizations

The Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1113 submitted under this subitem will contain an account of developments concerning the co-operation of the Commission and its secretariat with other international organizations during the past year.

(e) Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work

The Executive Secretary will prepare a note on the implementation of decision A (40) on concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work (E/ECE/1114). The Commission will also have before it the report of the Preparatry Meeting for a Symposium on Management Training for Administrations and Enterprises (ECE/SEM.7/AC/2).

(f) Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission

In accordance with established practice the consideration of this subitem will take place in two stages:

(i) The Sessional Committee will examine in detail the reports of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies; the discussion of each report will be introduced by the Chairman of the body concerned. 2/

(ii) The Chairman of the Sessional Committee will deliver a statement to the Plenary on the outcome of the deliberations of the Sessional Committee at the time when the consideration of agenda item 4 is resumed in the Plenary (see the Provisional Order of Business).

The discussion under this subitem will be based on the reports of the Commission's Principal Subsidiary Bodies during the period under review. Reports have been or will be circulated to Governments as follows: 3/

Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Energy (fifth session)	ECE/ENERGY/11
Committee on Agricultural Problems (thirty-seventh session)	ECE/AGRI/85
Chemical Industry Committee (eighteenth session)	ECE/CHEM/57
Coal Committee (eighty-first session)	ECE/COAL/88
Conference of European Statisticians (thirty-third session)	ECE/CES/26
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems (fourteenth session)	ECE/ENV/48
Committee on Electric Power (forty-fourth session)	ECE/EP/67
Committee on Gas (thirty-second session)	ECE/GAS/P3
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (forty-sixth session)	ECE/HBP/58

2/ As in the past, the secretariat will make available informally to the participants at the Sessional Committee the texts of these introductory remarks in the language in which they are delivered.

3/ No additional distribution of these reports will be made but a sufficient number of copies will be available to delegations in the Conference Room for reference purposes.

Inland Transport Committee (forty seventh session)	ECE/TRANS/65
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology (thirteenth session)	ECE/SC.TECH/29
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (twenty second session)	ECE/EC.AD/27
Steel Committee (fifty-third session)	ECE/STEEL/51
Timber Committee (forty-third session)	ECE/TIM/28
Committee on the Development of Trade (thirty-fourth session)	ECE/TRADE/153
Committee on Water Problems (seventeenth session)	ECE/WATER/42

Item 5: Implications of the provisions of the concluding document of the Madrid meeting 1980 of representatives of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe.

Pursuant to operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 1 (40) the Commission may wish under this item to take into account, for the work of its Principal Subsidiary Bodies, the pertinent provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the ECE. Accordingly the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1110 will, in addition to covering the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies since the fortieth session, deal with matters relevant to this item and will cover activities carried out by the Commission which implement the relevant provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting as well as the implications for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe.

Item 6: The work and future activities of the Commission and proposals in regard to all-European co-operation in the field of protection of the environment, development of transport, energy and other fields

The Commission will have before it for the consideration of this item the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1110 which, in addition to covering the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies since the fortieth session, will deal with other matters, including those referred to in resolution 1 (40) and previous resolutions.

Item 7: Development of trade and industrial co-operation

For the consideration of this item, the Commission will have before it the report of the Committee on the Development of Trade on its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRADE/153) together with an information note by the Executive Secretary on the development of trade and industrial co-operation (E/ECE/1115).

Item 8: Preparations for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Commission in 1987

For its consideration of this item the Commission will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/1116) containing suggestions of possible practical ways to mark at its forty-second session in 1987 the Commission's fortieth anniversary.

Item 9: Follow-up action on relevant Commission decisions:

(a) Air pollution (Commission decision E (40))

The Commission will have before it a report prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of decision E (40) (E/ECE/1117).

(b) Energy (Commission decision F (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1118 will contain an account of action taken in this field since the fortieth session. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Energy on their fifth session (ECE/ENERGY/11).

(c) The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the International Conference on Population (Commission decision G (40))

The Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1119, prepared pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of Commission decision G (40).

(d) Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE (Commission decision H (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1120 prepared pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of Commission decision H (40) will contain an account of action taken in implementation of this decision.

(e) Standardization and related activities (Commission decision I (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1121 prepared pursuant to operative paragraph 6 of Commission decision I (40) will contain an account of action taken in implementation of this decision.

(f) The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Commission decision J (40))

The Executive Secretary's note (E/ECE/1122) will contain an account of action taken in implementation of the provisions of this decision.

(g) Engineering industries and automation (Commission decision K (40))

For its consideration of this subitem, the Commission will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/1123) and the report of the sixth session of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation (ECE/ENG.AUT/24).

(h) Monitoring and evaluation of transboundary water pollution (Commission decision L (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1124 will contain an account of the development in the field of transboundary water pollution since the fortieth session. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Committee on Water Problems on its seventeenth session (ECE/WATER/42).

(i) Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment (Commission decision M (40)).

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1125 will contain an account of action taken in implementation of this decision. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems on their fourteenth session (ECE/ENV/48).

(j) An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (Commission decision N (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1126 will contain an account of the action taken in implementation of this decision. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments on their twenty-second session (ECE/EC.AD/27).

(k) Development of co-operation in agriculture (Commission decision (B (40))

The Executive Secretary's note (E/ECE/1127) will contain an account of developments in this field since the fortieth session. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Committee on Agricultural Problems on its thirty-seventh session (ECE/AGRI/85).

(l) Statistical activities (Commission decision C (40))

The Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1128 will contain an account of action taken in implementation of this decision. The Commission will also have before it the report of the Conference of European Statisticians on its thirty-third session (ECE/CES/26).

Item 10: Programme of work for 1986-1990

For the consideration of this item the Commission will have before it the Executive Secretary's note E/ECE/1129 on its programme of work for 1986-1990.

Item 11: Other business

The Executive Secretary has, at the time of writing, no other business to submit under this item except the question of the date and place of the forty-second session of the Commission, with regard to which he intends to follow the established practice. Pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) the Executive Secretary also intends to indicate to the Commission, towards the end of its session and in the light of the decisions taken in the course of its forty-first session, the main lines along which the Provisional Agenda for the forty-second session will be drafted.

Item 12: Annual Report of the Commission

A draft of the Introduction, Chapter I (Issues that require action by, or are brought to the attention of, the Economic and Social Council) and Chapter II (Work of the Commission since the fortieth session) of the Annual Report as well as a note on arrangements for the preparation of the remainder of the Draft Report will be circulated by the Executive Secretary (ECE(41)/D.Rep.1). The draft of Chapter III of the Annual Report, which will contain an account of the proceedings of the Plenary and the Sessional Committee, will be prepared, as usual, in the course of the session by two rapporteurs to be appointed by the Commission. They will be assisted by the secretariat.

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

It is proposed that the established practice for the allocation of certain items of the agenda for preliminary consideration by the Sessional Committee be maintained, i.e.:

(i) On the occasion of the setting up of the Sessional Committee and the election of its Officers the Chairman will propose to the Commission that subitems 4(f), 9(a), (c), and (e) to (l) as well as item 10 be allocated for preliminary consideration by the Sessional Committee.

(ii) Following the procedure adopted at previous sessions, the Commission will consider item 9(b) - Energy - both in the Plenary and in the Sessional Committee. Given the provisions of Commission decision H (40), item 9(d) will also be discussed both in the Plenary and in the Sessional Committee. Items 4(a)-(d), 5, 6 and 9(b) will be discussed together in the Plenary.

(iii) The Sessional Committee will take into account any suggestions concerning draft decisions which might be put forward on any items by the Executive Secretary in the relevant documents, and will thereafter recommend decisions for consideration and adoption by the Plenary.

(iv) The Chairman of the Sessional Committee, when reporting to the Plenary on the outcome of the deliberations of that Committee (during the resumption of the general discussion under item 4), will transmit these recommended decisions to the Plenary for adoption.

(v) The Plenary will thereafter consider and adopt decisions on the relevant items.

Disposition of items and tentative time-table

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL

	Plenary	Sessional Committee
10.30 a.m.	Opening of the forty-first session of the Commission Adoption of the agenda (Agenda item 1) Election of Officers (Agenda item 2) Setting up of the Sessional Committee, election of its Officers, and allocation of items for its consideration	
3.00 p.m.	Work of the Commission as a whole (Agenda item 4, including subitems (a), (b), (c) and (d)) To be discussed together with Implications of the provisions of the the concluding document of the Madrid meeting 1980 of representatives of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe (Agenda item 5) The work and future activities of the Commission and proposals in regard to all-European co-operation in the field of protection of the environment, development of transport, energy and other fields (Agenda item 6) and Energy (Agenda item 9(b))	Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work: (Agenda item 4(e)) Preliminary consideration Programme of work for 1986-1990 (Agenda item 10) Preliminary consideration Conference of European Statisticians (Agenda item 4(f)) To be discussed together with: Statistical activities (Agenda item 9(1) Standardization and related activities (Agenda item 9(e))

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL

Plenary

Work of the Commission as a whole
(Agenda item 4, including subitems (a), (b), (c) and (d) (continued)

To be discussed together with:

Implications of the provisions of the concluding document of the Madrid meeting 1980 of representatives of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe
(Agenda item 5)

The work and future activities of the Commission and proposals in regard to all-European co-operation in the field of protection of the environment, development of transport, energy and other fields
(Agenda item 6)

and

Energy
(Agenda item 9(b))

Sessional Committee

Chemical Industry Committee
(Agenda item 4(f))

Steel Committee
(Agenda item 4(f))

Engineering Industries and Automation
(Agenda item 9(g))

Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology
(Agenda item 4(f))

Timber Committee
(Agenda item 4(f))

Committee on Agricultural Problems
(Agenda item 4(f))

To be discussed together with:
Development of co operation in agriculture
(Agenda item 9(k))

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
Development of Trade and Industrial Co-operation (Agenda item 7)	Coal Committee (Agenda item 4(f))
	Committee on Gas (Agenda item 4(f))
	Committee on Electric Power (Agenda item 4(f))
	Energy (Agenda item 9(b))
	Inland Transport Committee (Agenda item 4(f))
	To be discussed together with:
	Economic Co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE (Agenda item 9(d))
	The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Agenda item 9(f))
	The Commission's contribution to the preparatory work for the International Conference on Population (Agenda item 9(c))

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
Review of the economic situation in Europe (Agenda item 3)	Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems (Agenda item 4(f))
Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE (Agenda item 9(d))	To be discussed together with: Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment (Agenda item 9(i))
Preparations for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Commission in 1987 (Agenda item 8)	Air pollution (Agenda item 9(a))
	Committee on Water Problems (Agenda item 4(f))
	To be discussed together with: Monitoring and evaluation of transboundary water pollution (Agenda item 9(h))
	Committee on Housing, Building, and Planning (Agenda item 4(f))
	Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (Agenda item 4(f))
	To be discussed together with: An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (Agenda item 9(j))

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
[Reserved for any pending items]	

MONDAY, 21 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
	Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work (Agenda item 4(e)) (resumed)

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
	Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work (Agenda item 4(e)) (continued)
	Programme of work for 1986-1990 (Agenda item 10) (resumed)

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL

Plenary	Sessional Committee
Work of the Commission as a whole (Agenda item 4) (resumed)	
Statement by the Chairman of the Sessional Committee on the outcome of its deliberations on subitems 4(e) and (f), and items 9 and 10	
Conclusion of the discussion under agenda item 4, including subitems (a)-(f) and item 9	
Other business (Agenda item 11)	
Programme of work for 1986-1990 (Agenda item 10)	

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL

Plenary

[Reserved for any pending items]

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL

Plenary

Adoption of draft resolutions and decisions

Annual Report of the Commission (Agenda item 12)

Conclusion of the forty-first session of the Commission